

HOW THE GREAT WAR STARTED.

Assassination of Archduke of Austria Primary Cause.

The assassin of Archduke Franz Ferdinand of Austria and his wife fired a shot heard round the world. His deed, the culmination of anti-Austrian plots for which Serbia has been a constant hotbed and itself involving so many accessories before and after the fact as to bear a representative national character, naturally aroused the utmost indignation in Austria-Hungary. The latter country felt that Serbian intrigue, on the plan of the anarchist secret society and extending into the highest circles of rulers who themselves held power by assassination, had become intolerable. Austria determined to abate the nuisance next door at any hazard. She must have known well that the hazard was great. Serbia had the biggest brother from a military standpoint in the world. But, just as even a small boy cannot be permitted unlimited misconduct through consideration for his smallness, so the small boy with the biggest brother cannot always be granted immunity because of his protector. Austria went summarily ahead. No doubt, she did not give prudential motives enough thought. She was hazarding her ally, whom she apparently took by surprise or ran away with, more than herself. That ally, however, privately perturbed by her course, was loyal. Germany told other nations that she could not take any action which would amount to coercion of Austria. She would earnestly second counsels for moderation and pacification, but she could join no diplomatic alignment that would place her on the opposite side from her ally. It looked as though Austria were headstrong under the influence of her acute grievances and as though Serbia were presuming upon Russia's support no less than Austria was presuming upon Germany's.

But the time has come when we can say that neither Austria nor Serbia, nor the two of them, made the great war now under way. Europe has adjusted difficulties quite as serious many a time before, and the diplomatic resources of the next friends of these belligerents were fully adequate to the task. There was due to be a little blood-letting on the Austro-Serbian border and nothing more. Russia made the big war. She began taking no ordinary precautions but acting as though war had become or were about to become an accomplished fact. Her diplomacy showed itself utterly indifferent. In vain the German Emperor moved the heavens and earth in efforts for peace, finally sending the Czar's brother-in-law on the heels of personal telegrams to St. Petersburg after Russia's diplomatic representatives had turned only deaf ears. The fact was, the Czar and his advisers had seen a welcome opportunity for a war wherein they had much to gain and—since they would not rate the lives of their soldiers high—comparatively little to lose. This, they evidently believed, was a most favorable juncture for the war whose waging century-long national ambition had dictated. It was especially attractive under its particular circumstances as a means of exploiting Russian national and Slavic racial feeling in the interest of the Czar and his Government. So Russia forced hostilities, dragging in France as her ally and inviting England to jump on Germany when the latter should be more than fully engaged. The Serbian assassin started the whole train of circumstances leading to the great war, but this was possible in the last resort only because Russia willed it so.—Charlotte Observer.

CANDIDATE FOR LYNCHING.

Florence Negro Accused of Criminal Assault on White Woman.

Tom Grice, a negro, was arrested Friday night by the Police Department charged with assault upon the person of a white woman living on the outskirts of the city. As a measure of precaution Chief H M Brunson sent the negro to the penitentiary this morning for safe keeping. Grice confessed to having entered the house. He maintains that he intended robbery only and that he is innocent of any other crime. The woman claims that the negro made a criminal assault upon her and accomplished his purpose.

She has identified Grice as being the right man.

It seems that at one o'clock Monday morning, the woman awoke to find the negro in her room, according to her statement to the police. After his attack upon her she ran screaming to the back of the house and called a boarder who was sleeping in the house. In the meantime Grice had made his escape. The woman's husband was not in the city, having gone away on a business trip the night before. Two little children were asleep in the same room with the woman. The police station was notified at once and Sergeant J E Brunson responded.

WHY WEAK LUNGS?

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ed. After learning the grave nature of the case he called the Chief of Police, H M Brunson, who at once went to the scene. No clue could be obtained except the man's description, but with this to start on the department went to work. Only two or three persons were on the scent and the police persuaded them to keep quiet until they could get to work. It was not long before Grice was arrested from his description.

The woman is said to be in a highly nervous condition after her fearful experience. Grice escaped from the city chaingang last March. The police have been looking for him ever since, but he has succeeded in dodging them. He is said to be an old offender.—Florence Times, August 8.

TAFT TOPICS.

Belated but Interesting Communication from Esteemed Writer.

Taft, August 4:—Well, Mr Editor, as it has been some time since you heard from your correspondent at Taft, will try to give you just a few words.

The refreshing rain came last week, much to the delight of everybody.

Rev and Mrs W T Bedenbaugh have returned from an extended visit to friends and relatives at Batesburg.

The Misses Rowell entertained a number of friends and relatives at their home Saturday evening, August 1, in honor of their guests, Miss Pearl and Mr George Bedenbaugh of Batesburg. Many games were played and when the parting hour came, the rain was fast falling, causing the guests to have to take their departure in the rain. Everybody reported a good time.

Miss Mattie Jeffords visited friends here Sunday.

Mr S J Walters of Taft visited his parents at Suttons Sunday.

Misses Clara and Mayme Blakeley were pleasant visitors here Saturday afternoon.

Miss Ethel Rowell returned home Friday evening, after an extended visit to friends at Batesburg and Leesville, Miss Pearl and Mr George Bedenbaugh accompanying her home.

Mr Willie Blakeley was a visitor here Saturday afternoon.

Mr E R Rowell raised a muskmelon on his farm weighing 30 pounds. Gee, what a big one! Now, that isn't any exaggeration, for I saw it myself.

I know there will be lots of our readers disappointed next week when "Poor Boy's" letter doesn't appear in The Record's news, as he has decided to be among the visitors to the Island.

Mr Dock Rowell has our sympathy in the loss of his friend "Tige." He seems to think he can't go hunting any more without "Tige."

Will come again. JUDGE.

Breezes from Sandy Bay.

Sandy Bay, August 10:—The dry weather has cut crops very short. We are having a plenty of rain now, however.

Mrs Flamer Calder of Darlington, accompanied by her son and daughter, visited Mr C B Coker one day last week.

Mr Bennie McClam of Mousons was noted in our "burg" Sunday.

Rev J M McKenzie, of this place, conducted a protracted meeting at Earls last week.

Mrs J M McKenzie, of this section, is visiting her sister, Mrs Ira Gaskins, at Lake City.

Miss Lezinker McKenzie is visiting friends near Lake City.

Mr J N Coker is a happy man now; he sits and fans, and says, "I will name my little son, Woodrow Wilson."

Mr Bill McKnight also seemed to be a happy man Sunday afternoon. JAY BIRD.

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